

air tank, a closure plate shaped to conform to a user's back, a rear wall shaped to receive said air tank, said rear wall being spaced from said closure plate, said closure plate and said rear wall being interconnected to form an enclosure, and said air tank being disposed on said rear wall on the outside of said enclosure.

Amend the claims as follows:

Claim 2, line 1 cancel " 9 " and substitute - 10 -

Claim 4, line 1 cancel " 9 " and substitute - 10 -

Claim 5, line 1 cancel " 9 " and substitute - 10 -

Claim 7, line 1 cancel " 9 " and substitute - 10 -

#### REMARKS

The examiner's courtesy extended during a telephone interview on November 17, 1999 is appreciated. Every effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of claims 2-7 and 10 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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